



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 59 KBB 2004

*LEGAL HOLIDAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2004*

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to R.S. 1:55(A)(1) and (B)(1), New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2005, is a legal holiday and a day of rest in the state of Louisiana which is observed by the departments of the state;

**WHEREAS,** R.S. 1:55(B)(4) states that "[w]hen one or more holidays or half-holidays falls on a full-time employee's regular day off, his holiday shall be the closest regular scheduled workday preceding or following the legal holiday, as designated by the head of the agency"; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to statute and custom, because New Year's Day falls this year on a Saturday, the preceding Friday, December 31, 2004, shall be designated a holiday;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Friday, December 31, 2004, is designated a legal holiday in the state of Louisiana and shall be observed as a day of rest.

**SECTION 2:** Insofar as practicable, the appointing authorities and/or heads of all institutions, offices and departments of the state (hereafter "appointing authority") shall permit the officers and employees under their control to observe Friday, December 31, 2004, as a day of rest. Nonetheless, an appointing authority shall have discretion to require said officers and/or employees to work on the holiday when, in the appointing authority's judgment, it is required for the efficient administration of a state facility, the operation of which is necessary and indispensable to the citizens of the state.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 16th day of November, 2004.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Fox W. McKeithen  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**